

Book and Tract Work.

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TRACTS ARE NEEDED.

This letter is written in September, but it will likely be the last of October before it is printed and read, while reading it, providence permitting, the writer will be working the Chicago Mission; in that work thousands of tracts will be needed, who is to pay for them? Now reader here is an opportunity to help, to know where your help will go, in a certain place to a certain work, probably a thousand tracts can be scattered for your dollar; that means one thousand visits made and one thousand invitations extended by our helpers. I have told you of a tract for the work, this will have printed on it the Mission Address and each one sent out is a helper. What a great work. What help is needed, if the people only realized the situation.

In Philadelphia on one occasion, a young brother handed out tracts, one was given to a lady who was in trouble. She saw the pastor's address on the last page, and called to see him that very evening. She afterward came to church and was received as a member. If this should reach the eye of Sister Murry I would like to hear from her. "A peculiar way to scatter the Gospel." Well, Yes. Not a doubt of that, but so the Gospel is scattered, that is the main point. In Kansas City, some time ago, I put a dark arrangement to my face, and through an inch board saw plainly the bones of my hand and wrist, the method was peculiar but the object was accomplished. Why then stumble over the peculiar part. Seeds contain trees, and tracts often contain conviction, conversion and confirmation, let them scatter.

Did you ever stop to think how peculiar Christ was, how he got out of the rut. When the man with the palsy was healed, some of the observers said: "We have never seen it on this fashion." No doubt but the man was healed. At the Bethesda porch, the people waited for an angel to trouble the water, but Christ troubled the devil, and the man was made whole, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." It was not the custom of men to hold prayer-meeting by a grave, where there was a four day corpse, but Christ brought the dead out; what a great thing if we would allow him in our prayer-meetings, there would be dead worms and a live Lazarus. It was not common for a man to tell another he could walk on the water, but Christ gave Peter permission

and then taught him some lessons. "Get out of the ruts, stop fishing in rain barrels, scatter the Gospel. It is our business to scatter, God will give the increase."

Did you ever stop to think how the little girl in Naaman's home and his servant co-operated for the Captain's salvation, the little girl in Syria, and the servant in Israel, so far apart and yet each helping the other and both helping Naaman. The little girl directed him to the prophet, and when he found him and received directions he did not like them and rebelled, and refused to be healed, then the servant talked to him and advised him, and the Captain went to the Jordan. The little girl sent him to the prophet, and the servant got him to do what the prophet said, so they both worked for the same object and succeeded. You may preach or live Christ, that sermon or life may send some one to Christ, in the direction of Christ; a written or printed word may bring good resolves to a focus, or quicken to action some stubborn will. What if you do live in Syria, your working for Christ may help me in Israel, we can help each other and God for Christ sake will help us both.

There is one thing to remember in this work, that now is the time to act; time is precious, the past is beyond recall, the future unknown, the present is for use. Do not allow human plans or false ambitions interfere with the great work that is before us, act in the living present, and He who came to seek and save will accomplish his object through us, even though we be among the least of the disciples. JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

Literary Notes.

Is the church ready for a great forward movement for the immediate conquest of the world for Christ? This is a question that the HOMILETIC REVIEW for October makes very prominent in its "Editorial Notes." Its Editorial Note, entitled "The Twentieth Century's Call to Christendom," is attracting wide attention, and has already called out hearty responses from many leaders in the Church and its work. The October note embodies what is thought of this great proposed movement by such theologians and educators of the ministry as Presidents Fisk, Buttz, and Witherspoon, Professor George Frederick Wright and Chancellor MacCracken; by such leaders in church activities as Secretaries Charles H. Payne, D. J. McMillan, and Josiah Strong; and by such whole-souled evangelists as Dwight L. Moody, and J. Wilbur Chapman.

This is something in which every minister, and, indeed, every Christian should take an active interest. We heartily commend the movement. The Twentieth Century will begin within four or five months at latest. What is its opening message to the Church of Christ?

In all its ordinary features the REVIEW is at its best in this number. Dr. Warfield of Princeton, the successor of the Hodges, writes of "The Res-

urrection of Christ as a Fundamental Doctrine;" Mr. W. S. Lilly, the distinguished English writer on ethical and literary themes, on "The Danger to Modern Civilization from Popular Shibboleths;" Professor T. W. Hunt of Princeton University, on "Lord Byron's Life and Teachings;" Dr. H. L. Wayland, the celebrated Baptist editor and lecturer, on "Humor and Earnestness: Can they Coexist?" Professor McCurdy of Toronto, the distinguished Assyriologist, on "The Fate of the People of Northern Israel;" Professor E. J. Wolf of Gettysburg, on "St. Paul's Classification of Widows;" Bishop John H. Vincent, on "How a pastor May Interest his Young People in Mental Culture;" Dr. E. H. Dewart, the well known Canadian editor and divine, on "Confessions and Retractions of an Eminent Scientist" (sketching the soul-history of Professor Romanes;) and Dr. W. S. Pryse, in the "Symposium on Church attendance," on "Erroneous Explanations of the Absence of Men from the Churches." The Sermonic Section, together with all other sections of this able Review is fully up to the standard of any of its former issues.

Funk and Wagnalls,

New York.

Matrimonial.

FRIETLEY—MORLEY.—At the home of the bride's brother, George Morley of Johnstown, Pa., Mr. Frank H. Frietley of Johnstown, Pa., and Hettie L. Morley of Jenner, Pa., were on Oct. 1, united in marriage by

E. E. HASKINS.

LANG—SELL.—On Oct. 22, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. Charles Lang of Alliance, Ohio, and sister Gertrude Sell of Johnstown, Pa., were united in holy matrimony. The undersigned officiating at both the baptism and marriage of Sister Gertrude.

E. E. HASKINS, Pastor.

Johnstown, Pa.

Our Dead.

SMITH.—Infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, departed this life Oct. 13, 1896. Aged 1 month and 15 days. Funeral at their home in North Liberty.

S. B. GRISSE.

ADAMS.—Floyd Leroy Adams son of Mr. and Mrs. John Adams, died Oct. 21, 1896. Aged 2 years, 4 months and 13 days. Their mission in life is completed, their work is done. Is our's as well done? Services in the Ankenytown church.

S. B. GRISSE.

Christ's sufferings are a rebuke to our softness and self-pleasing. It is not indeed wrong to enjoy the comforts and the pleasure of life; but we are too terrified to be parted from them, and too afraid of pain and poverty.—James Stalker.